



Pacifica Friends of the Library Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

The ides of March are upon us and Easter season is rapidly approaching. The trees are beginning to leaf out and bloom, and soon it will be full-on Spring. We have been in a period of dormancy waiting to see what developments with a building site for a new library. Now, we are happy to report that a few sprigs of hope for the Beach Blvd. site are appearing too. Our city manager, Lorie Tinfow, and interim city planner, Lee Diaz, have been in negotiations with the committee of the Coastal Commission that oversees Northern California developments, and report that the idea of a library at the site is viewed favorably. There will be a visit by the committee to see first hand the site as a part of the review. We await developments with renewed hope.

The other news, which makes the issue of a new library even more critical, is the release of the new schedule of open hours for our libraries. Currently, the two libraries are open for a total of 74 hours a week, of which 60 hours are funded by the San Mateo County Library and the balance of 14 hours were cost shared and funded in part by the Library and the City of Pacifica. Due to budget cuts made last July, the City of Pacifica is no longer able to fund the cost share of the extra hours. We have been coasting on the generosity of the Library since that time, but now will have to face the consequences of the cuts by reduced hours of service to the community. The new schedule will go into effect as of April 13. The 60 hours of service provided by the County Library will be shared by both libraries, and as a result both will be closed an additional day which means only 4 days of service each. This underlines the urgency



of building a new library which could be open seven days a week on the 60 hours of funding without having to depend on any extra from the city. Once we get the green light from the Coastal Commission, we will be looking for your support for a bond to finance the new building. Working sometimes on Fridays when the library is closed is enlightening because so many people come and expect the library to be open. It will be even worse when the very highly used Mondays at Sharp Park are closed. We will not experience the benefit of a true public library with these constraints.

* Sharp Park Library: open 12-8 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10-5 on Thursdays and Saturdays. Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Fridays.

* Sanchez Library: open 12-8 Mondays, 10-6 Wednesdays, 10-5 Saturdays. Closed Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Meanwhile, we hope you will support the staff as they try to provide services and programs under the new schedule. Tighten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy ride as we get adjusted to the new schedule and work to advance the plans for a new library.

Looking to the future,
Caroline Barba & Joan Putz

P.F.O.L. News

At our January meeting we voted to give the libraries \$3,200 including money for new blackout drapes for the community room. The new drapes are installed and very effective, improving movie and presentations. Our donations for the book sale have been coming in at a brisk rate and the back area is filling rapidly. We should have a fantastic selection for our June sale. There are many upcoming programs of interest that we hope you will take advantage of. The topics range from "Getting Fit at the Library" (see back page) which is a series of programs at Sanchez promoting healthy eating and mindful exercise to an April Jazz program. The family and teen movies nights are continuing to be very popular as the staff is able to get recent releases like Big Hero 6 and Mocking Jay shown for free. The maker programs are also popular as are the toddler musical story times. The bulk of the money will go for expenses of the Summer Learning Program which involves so many children. Check in at either library for more information or on the web at pacificalibraries.org or the library's Facebook page.

Upcoming Programs!

Shakespeare in the CourtYard!
Sanchez Library THIS FRIDAY
March 20th 5:30pm with the
Spindrift Players

Jazz Program @
Sharp Park Library
April 3rd 7:00pm

Legion of Honor Docent Lecture
High Style The Brooklyn Museum
Costume Collection
Sunday April 19th at 2:00pm
Sanchez Library

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GetFit@theLibrary

Join us for the first of a series of programs promoting healthy living; which encompasses nutritious eating, mindful exercise, and improved mental health.

In partnership with Fresh Approach, we are offering the following programs at the Sanchez Library @ 6:30 p.m.

- March 31: Farmer's Markets & Creating a Healthy Plate
- April 14: Selecting and Storing Fresh Produce
- April 21: How to Eat Healthy on a Budget
- April 28: Processed vs. Unprocessed Foods; Sugar (added sugars, naturally occurring, and artificial sweeteners)
- May 12: Eating the Rainbow

Receive a \$5 voucher at each program to spend at the Coastside Farmer's Market. Attend at least three programs and you may also be eligible to receive a free Kitchen in a box kit.

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Renewing Member* _____ \$10 Individual _____

New Member _____ \$15 Family _____

I do not want public recognition _____ \$25 Patron _____

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Make checks to "PFOL". Dues & donations are tax deductible.

****Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

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